

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
2nd Legislative Day  
Thursday, January 7, 2016

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Pastor Jeffrey Bateman, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Scarborough.

National Anthem by Rebecca Reed, Vassalboro.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Constance Adler, M.D., Chesterville.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

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**SENATE PAPERS**

Bill "An Act To Modernize and Consolidate Court Facilities"

(S.P. 590) (L.D. 1528)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

The Bill was **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

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Resolve, To Provide Wage Parity for Supervisors of Law Enforcement Personnel (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 585) (L.D. 1523)

Bill "An Act To Permit Disclosure of Certain Intelligence and Investigative Record Information by a Criminal Justice Agency to a Nongovernmental Advocacy Program for Persons with Mental Illness"

(S.P. 588) (L.D. 1526)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Application Fees and Inspection Fees Associated with the Provision of Amusement Rides"

(S.P. 591) (L.D. 1529)

Bill "An Act To Reduce the Trafficking of Illegal Drugs in the State"

(S.P. 596) (L.D. 1534)

Bill "An Act To Provide Ballistic Vests to State Law Enforcement Officers"

(S.P. 598) (L.D. 1536)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Facilitate MaineCare Assisted Living by Providing a Cost-of-living Adjustment to Private Nonmedical Institutions and Adult Family Care Homes"

(S.P. 589) (L.D. 1527)

Bill "An Act To Provide an Annual Cost-of-living Adjustment to Nursing Facilities To Further Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Long-term Care Facilities"

(S.P. 595) (L.D. 1533)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** in concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Protect Victims of Human Trafficking"

(S.P. 593) (L.D. 1531)

Bill "An Act To Clarify Financial Responsibility in Gestational Carrier Agreements"

(S.P. 594) (L.D. 1532)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Products Made in Maine and in the United States and To Give Preference to Maine Businesses When Awarding Contracts"

(S.P. 587) (L.D. 1525)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Exempt MaineCare Appendix C Private Nonmedical Institutions from the Service Provider Tax"

(S.P. 592) (L.D. 1530)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Update the Laws Governing the Maine Veterans' Homes"

(S.P. 586) (L.D. 1524)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Following Communication: (H.C. 389)

**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

**5 COMMUNITY DRIVE**

**AUGUSTA, MAINE 04332-0949**

September 24, 2015

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Enclosed please find a copy of the certification by the Maine Educational Loan Authority to the Finance Authority of Maine as required by Public Law 2015, Chapter 170.

Sincerely,

S/Bruce Wagner

Chief Executive Officer

**MAINE EDUCATIONAL LOAN AUTHORITY  
131 PRESUMPCOT STREET  
PORTLAND, MAINE 04103  
CERTIFICATION OF CONSENTS TO FINANCE AUTHORITY  
OF MAINE**

Mr. Bruce E. Wagner, Chief Executive Officer  
Finance Authority of Maine  
P.O. Box 949

Augusta, Maine 04332-0949

September 18, 2015

The undersigned Executive Director of the Maine Educational Loan Authority (the "Authority") hereby notifies, and certifies to, the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine ("FAME") in writing that, pursuant to S.P. 544-L.D. 144<sup>3</sup> entitled "An Act To Merge the Maine Educational Loan Authority with the Finance Authority of Maine" (the "Act"), any consents required under the documents of the Authority, if any, in order to permit FAME to become the successor to the Authority on or about October 15, 2015 have, as of the date hereof, been received by the Authority.

MAINE EDUCATIONAL LOAN AUTHORITY

by: S/Shirley M. Erickson, Executive Director

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 391)

**STATE OF MAINE  
127TH MAINE LEGISLATURE**

January 5, 2016

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to our authority under Title 10, MRSA §929-A, and in agreement with Governor Paul R. LePage, we are pleased to appoint the following people to the Maine Economic Growth Council.

Mark St. Germain of Scarborough

Luann Ballesteros of Glenburn

James Mayer of Georgetown

Gregory A. Dugal of Lincolnville Center

Senator James F. Dill of Penobscot

Senator Andre E. Cushing III of Penobscot

Representative Matthew G. Pouliot of Augusta

Representative Jennifer L. DeChant of Bath

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 392)

**STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001**

November 20, 2015

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

Pursuant to my authority under Title 10, MRSA, §929-A, and in agreement with the Presiding Officers, I am pleased to make the following appointments to the Maine Economic Growth Council:

Luann Ballesteros of Glenburn

Mark St. Germain of Scarborough

Gregory A. Dugal of Lincolnville Center

James Mayer of Georgetown

Senator James F. Dill of Penobscot

Senator Andre E. Cushing III of Penobscot

Representative Jennifer L. DeChant of Bath

Representative Matthew G. Pouliot of Augusta

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these appointments.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

**READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (H.C. 390)

**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SPEAKER'S OFFICE  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 6, 2016

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to his authority, Governor Paul R. LePage has nominated the following:

On January 6, 2016

William J. Kelleher, Esq. of Rome for reappointment to the Maine Board of Tax Appeals.

Pursuant to Title 36, MRSA §151-D, this reappointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

**READ and with accompanying papers ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

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The Following Communication: (S.P. 560)

**MAINE SENATE  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

November 19, 2015

Hon. Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

127th Legislature

Hon. Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

127th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On November 19, 2015, 1 bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on November 19, 2015, as follows:

**State and Local Government**

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Convey Approximately 0.75 Acre of Land in Madrid Township to the Madrid Historical Society (S.P. 558) (L.D. 1456) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest  
Secretary of the Senate  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (S.P. 561)

**MAINE SENATE  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

November 23, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

127th Legislature

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

127th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On November 23, 2015, 1 bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on November 23, 2015, as follows:

**Taxation**

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 559) (L.D. 1457) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest  
Secretary of the Senate  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

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The Following Communication: (S.P. 583)

**MAINE SENATE  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

December 18, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

127th Legislature

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

127th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On December 18, 2015, 19 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 18, 2015, as follows:

**Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

Bill "An Act To Improve the Law Concerning Carbon Monoxide Detectors" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 574) (L.D. 1476) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MAREAN of Hollis and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford, ORDWAY of Standish) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Education and Cultural Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Promote Private Fund-raising for the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf" (S.P. 567) (L.D. 1469) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland, Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, MAKER of Calais) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Facilitate the Use of State Education Subsidies" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 573) (L.D. 1475) (Sponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative MAKER of Calais and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, DIAMOND of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin, BREEN of Cumberland, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: POULIOT of Augusta, HAMANN of South Portland, BATTLE of South Portland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Energy, Utilities and Technology**

Bill "An Act To Revise the Charter of the Rumford Water District" (S.P. 580) (L.D. 1482) (Sponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Environment and Natural Resources**

Bill "An Act To Reestablish Recreational Use of a Historic Trolley Line in the Town of Gray" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 576) (L.D. 1478) (Sponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative AUSTIN of Gray and Senator: DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, FECTEAU of Biddeford, COREY of Windham, GOLDEN of Lewiston) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

**Health and Human Services**

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Death Certificate Disclosure Law" (S.P. 568) (L.D. 1470) (Sponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin) (Cosponsored by Representative MAREAN of Hollis and Senator: President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representative: McCREIGHT of Harpswell) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Enhance the Administration of the Child and Adult Care Food Program by Creating Clear Guidelines for Organizations and Streamlining the Application Process (S.P. 570) (L.D. 1472) (Sponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and Senators: BURNS of Washington, HASKELL of Cumberland, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, HICKMAN of Winthrop, HAMANN of South Portland, MAREAN of Hollis) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Resolve, To Increase Access to Opiate Addiction Treatment in Maine (S.P. 571) (L.D. 1473) (Sponsored by Senator WOODSOME of York) (Cosponsored by Representative DION of

Portland and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, DEVIN of Newcastle, POULIOT of Augusta, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, BLUME of York, GROHMAN of Biddeford, BATTLE of South Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

#### **Insurance and Financial Services**

Bill "An Act To Create Improved Consumer Protection against Long-term Care Insurance Premium Rate Increases" (S.P. 577) (L.D. 1479) (Sponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock) (Cosponsored by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle and Senator: WOODSOME of York, Representatives: MAKER of Calais, McCLELLAN of Raymond, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, POULIOT of Augusta, GATTINE of Westbrook, FECTION of Biddeford, TUELL of East Machias) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

#### **Judiciary**

Bill "An Act To Protect Victims of Sexual Assault" (S.P. 575) (L.D. 1477) (Sponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and Senators: GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, DUTREMBLE of York, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: FOWLE of Vassalboro, COREY of Windham, WARREN of Hallowell) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

#### **Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

Resolve, To Facilitate the Distribution of Food Harvested or Processed in Maine to Residents with Food Insecurity (S.P. 569) (L.D. 1471) (Sponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and Senators: EDGECOMB of Aroostook, WHITEMORE of Somerset, MASON of Androscoggin, HASKELL of Cumberland, Representatives: ROTUNDO of Lewiston, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, BLACK of Wilton, TIMBERLAKE of Turner) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Provide for the 2016 and 2017 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 572) (L.D. 1474) (Sponsored by Senator VOLK of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative HERBIG of Belfast) (Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Create and Sustain High-quality Maine Jobs" (S.P. 578) (L.D. 1480) (Sponsored by Senator GERZOFISKY of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative GIDEON of Freeport and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BURNS of Washington, CUSHING of Penobscot, KATZ of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, BREEN of Cumberland, HASKELL of Cumberland, Representative: DUCHESNE of Hudson) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

#### **Taxation**

Bill "An Act To Protect Maine's Natural Resources Jobs by Exempting from Sales Tax Petroleum Products Used in Commercial Farming, Fishing and Forestry" (S.P. 579) (L.D. 1481) (Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis) (Cosponsored by Representative BLACK of Wilton and Senators: WHITEMORE of Somerset, KATZ of Kennebec, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, LOCKMAN of Amherst, VACHON of Scarborough) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

#### **Transportation**

Bill "An Act To Improve the Safety of Ferries in the State" (S.P. 566) (L.D. 1468) (Sponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox)

(Cosponsored by Representative KINNEY of Limington and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, DIAMOND of Cumberland, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, Representatives: Speaker EVES of North Berwick, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, BATTLE of South Portland, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act To Amend Maine's Motor Vehicle Laws" (S.P. 581) (L.D. 1483) (Sponsored by Senator COLLINS of York) (Cosponsored by Representative McLEAN of Gorham and Senators: GERZOFISKY of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland, Representatives: NADEAU of Winslow, POULIOT of Augusta, CHENETTE of Saco, FOLEY of Wells, DOORE of Augusta) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

#### **Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Exempt Certain Liquor Sales Representatives from Licensing Requirements" (S.P. 564) (L.D. 1466) (Sponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford) (Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and Representatives: PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SHORT of Pittsfield, BLUME of York, FECTION of Biddeford, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, GOLDEN of Lewiston, MAREAN of Hollis) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding Maine Spirits" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 565) (L.D. 1467) (Sponsored by Senator COLLINS of York) (Cosponsored by Representative KINNEY of Limington and Representatives: McCABE of Skowhegan, ESPLING of New Gloucester, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, GIDEON of Freeport, GOLDEN of Lewiston) (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Election Laws" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 582) (L.D. 1484) (Sponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec) (Cosponsored by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth and Senators: DILL of Penobscot, DUTREMBLE of York, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, DION of Portland, POULIOT of Augusta, GOLDEN of Lewiston, MAREAN of Hollis) (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

S/Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 584)

**MAINE SENATE  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

December 17, 2015

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

127th Legislature

Honorable Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

127th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On December 17, 2015, 2 bills were received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, these bills were referred to the Joint Standing Committees on December 17, 2015, as follows:

**Veterans and Legal Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Allow All Manufacturers Licensed by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations To Provide Samples of Products to Retail Licensees" (S.P. 562) (L.D. 1461) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Bill "An Act Regarding the Sale of Alcohol by a Manufacturer with an On-premises Retail License" (S.P. 563) (L.D. 1462) (Sponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest  
Secretary of the Senate  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The Following Communication: (S.P. 600)

**MAINE SENATE  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

January 4, 2016

Honorable Michael D. Thibodeau  
President of the Senate  
127th Legislature  
Honorable Mark W. Eves  
Speaker of the House  
127th Legislature

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

On January 4, 2016, 1 bill was received by the Secretary of the Senate.

Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 308.2, this bill was referred to a Joint Standing Committee on January 4, 2016, as follows:

**Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

Bill "An Act To Combat Drug Addiction through Enforcement, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery" (EMERGENCY) (S.P. 599) (L.D. 1537) (Sponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo) (Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Speaker EVES of North Berwick and Senators: VALENTINO of York, GERZOSKY of Cumberland, ALFOND of Cumberland, BURNS of Washington, CUSHING of Penobscot, LANGLEY of Hancock, VOLK of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, CYRWAY of Kennebec, WOODSOME of York, HASKELL of Cumberland, HILL of York, Representatives: ROTUNDO of Lewiston, McCABE of Skowhegan, CHIPMAN of Portland, MAKER of Calais, DION of Portland, FREY of Bangor, EVANGELOS of Friendship, POULIOT of Augusta, FOWLE of Vassalboro, GIDEON of Freeport, GATTINE of Westbrook, STEARNS of Guilford, TUELL of East Machias) (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Sincerely,

S/Heather J.R. Priest  
Secretary of the Senate  
S/Robert B. Hunt  
Clerk of the House

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

**READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

At this point, the Speaker recognized the Representative from Norway, Representative WINSOR, the Representative from Biddeford, Representative GROHMAN, the Representative from Searsport, Representative GILLWAY, and the Representative from Bangor, Representative GOODE, and they were added to the roll call of the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Newport, Representative Fredette, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **FREDETTE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, just very quickly, I had an opportunity this morning to talk to Austin and his parents and Ron Potvin, who just recently retired as the Scout Master from Boy Scout Troop 63 and the crew there. He was presented with a legislative sentiment and I think we all recognize the time and work that it takes to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Certainly, well-deserved. I understand that Austin has applied to go to school at Eastern Maine Community College in Heating. And I wish him well, and again, congratulate him on his recognition.

**PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING  
REFERENCE**

Bill "An Act To Encourage Maine Employers To Offer and Employees To Enroll in Disability Income Protection Plans in the Workplace"

(H.P. 1051) (L.D. 1542)

Sponsored by Representative BECK of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset and Representatives: FOLEY of Wells, MORRISON of South Portland, PRESCOTT of Waterboro.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Create Stability in the Control of Pesticides"

(H.P. 1052) (L.D. 1543)

Sponsored by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, LONG of Sherman, TIMMONS of Cumberland.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, **TABLED UNASSIGNED** pending **REFERENCE**.

**ORDERS**

On motion of Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville, the following House Order: (H.O. 32)

ORDERED, that Representative Paul A. Stearns of Guilford be excused July 16, 2015 for personal reasons.

**READ** and **PASSED**.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

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The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

**SENATE PAPERS**

The following Joint Order: (S.P. 603)

ORDERED, the House concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn, they do so until Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 10:00 in the morning.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **PASSED**.

**READ** and **PASSED** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Protect All Students in Elementary or Secondary Schools from Sexual Assault by School Officials"

(S.P. 601) (L.D. 1540)

Bill "An Act To Increase Sentences Imposed for the Illegal Importation of Scheduled Drugs"

(S.P. 602) (L.D. 1541)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** in concurrence.

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Bill "An Act To Improve Teaching Assignments in Maine's Public Schools"

(S.P. 604) (L.D. 1544)

Came from the Senate, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

**REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** in concurrence.

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By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH** with the exception of matters being held.

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On motion of Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson, the House adjourned at 10:49 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2016, pursuant to the Joint Order (S.P. 603).